

RICHMOND HOST TO NATION'S BIG RAILROAD MEN

Captains of Transportation Meet Here and See City.

UNION STATION TALK IS REVIVED

Luncheon Tendered Distinguished Guests by President White—Terminal Plans Discussed and Possible Sites Viewed—Directors Hold Monthly Meetings.

Presidents and general officers of a number of railroads visited Richmond yesterday, and, as the guests of William H. White, president of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, motored through the city, viewing sites suggested for the proposed union passenger station to be erected by the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac and Atlantic Coast Line Railroads. Several of the visiting officials attended meetings of the board of directors of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac and the Washington Southern Railroads yesterday morning, at which station plans were discussed, though it was stated that no formal action was taken. Later Mr. White entertained at luncheon at the Commonwealth Club about fifty well-known Richmond men, including officials of various railroads, being invited to meet the visitors.

Distinguished Visitors.

In the party, which arrived by special train yesterday morning and left at 3:30 P. M. for Washington, were: Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad and a director in the Washington Southern Railroad; John Christensen, vice-president of the New York Central lines; A. J. County, assistant to the president of the Pennsylvania Railroad; Henry Tamm, vice-president of the Pennsylvania Railroad; W. Heywood Myers, vice-president of the Pennsylvania Railroad; George Dixon, vice-president of the Pennsylvania Railroad; L. E. Johnson, president of the Norfolk and Western Railway; W. J. Harahan, president of the Seaboard Air Line Railway and a director in both the Washington Southern and Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroads; Alexander Hamilton, vice-president of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and a director in the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad; A. W. Finley, president of the Southern Railway and a director in both the Washington Southern and Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroads; Fairfax Harrison, president of the Menon Railroad; Judge George V. Massey, former general counsel of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Luncheon at Commonwealth.

Local directors of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad who were present were: Lieutenant Governor J. Taylor Ellyson and President George W. Stevens, of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway; Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railway and a director in the Washington Southern; and a number of prominent Richmond men, covers being laid for about fifty guests.

President White stated last night that the meeting of railroad men in Richmond partook of a social more than of a business nature, and that beyond some general discussions of station and other plans, very little had been accomplished. At the general officers of the company it was said that station plans were being carefully considered, but had not yet been completed, either as to the location or character of terminal.

Guests of Mr. White.

"The visit of the railway officials to Richmond," said President White last night, "had nothing directly to do with the matter of station facilities. It was the date for the regular monthly meeting of the boards of directors, and I

MISSING HERESS WITH MRS. WHITE IN BOSTON HOTEL

Distracted Father Leaves New York to Recover Runaway.

HIS DETECTIVES SURROUND PLACE

Girl Cannot Escape, and Criss-Cross Chase Over Three States in Pursuit of Her and Women With Whom She Disappeared From Sanatorium Is Ended.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

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MRS. WILLIAM J. WHITE.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

New York, April 25.—In response to a message stating that his daughter Ramona had been located, Gail Borden, son of the millionaire founder of the Borden Condensed Milk Company, accompanied by his attorney, Grenville Clark, started to-night for Boston.

"I have received a wire from private detectives in Boston to the effect that my daughter is at the Hotel Vendome in that city," said Mr. Borden, just before boarding the midnight train. "I understand she is with Mrs. William J. White and Mr. Martin A. Wilson. The telegram stated that the hotel is surrounded."

Mr. Borden was greatly excited at the prospect of seeing his seventeen-year-old runaway daughter again. When the message came from Boston he was on the point of retiring to obtain an hour or two of rest before departing for Baltimore, where his aged mother, Mrs. Gail Borden, Sr., is grievously ill.

The disappearance of her favorite granddaughter and the uncertainty of mental and physical condition reacted unfavorably upon the old woman. An hour before the telegram came from Boston Mr. Borden had predicted the imminent discovery of his daughter whereabouts. The father seemed confident, though, nothing had been seen of the girl by any of the men who knew her since she was spirited away from

CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OF FORE RIVER PLANT

Great Shipbuilding Company Is Taken Over by Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

DETAILS ARE WITHHELD

This Is the Fourth Plant Now Brought Under One Management.

New York, April 25.—The Bethlehem Steel Corporation has purchased the Fore River Shipbuilding Company, of Quincy, Mass., a \$4,800,000 corporation, builders of battleships and other warships. Officers of the Bethlehem company said they preferred that official announcement of the purchase price and other details come from the Fore River Company.

The Fore River plant comprises shipbuilding and engine works covering 110 acres of ground. The company was incorporated in 1904, as a successor of the Fore River Ship and Engine Company, with a capitalization of \$2,400,000 common stock, and an equal amount of preferred stock. The company built the Argentine battleship Rivadavia and several submarine torpedo boats, and torpedo boat destroyers for that nation, and in January of last year obtained a contract for the construction of a

MONTENEGRO WILL YIELD SCUTARI IF GIVEN HER PRICE

King Nicholas Willing to Exchange City for Territory.

POSITIVE ANSWER NOT YET RECEIVED

Believed Powers Are Inclined to Make Concessions to Pay Little Kingdom for Loss of Fortress Taken at Such Cost. Situation Still Is Acute.

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GUNNERS MISTAKE YACHT FOR TARGET

Eleven Members of Naval Affairs Committees Narrowly Escape Destruction.

New York, April 25.—Eleven members of the Senate and House Committees on Naval Affairs had a narrow escape from being blown to pieces, while witnessing naval target practice at Judith Sound, ninety miles south of Washington, late yesterday, according to a Washington dispatch to the Times this morning.

The monitor Talisman, shooting while a thick haze hung over the water, mistook for the target the United States yacht Dolphin, on board which were members of the official party, and an 800-pound shell from a twelve-inch gun passed directly over the stern of the Dolphin, so close as to cut one of the ropes attached to the yacht's rigging, the dispatch says. The shell exploded just before it struck the water, and while the committee members were thoroughly frightened, they suffered nothing more serious than a drenching from the water stirred up by the projectile.

Members of the committee on the Dolphin are Senators Poindexter, of Washington, and Bryan, of Florida; Representatives Padgett, of Tennessee; Foster Bayne, the explorer, announced to-day that he will head an Arctic expedition in an effort to recover the remains of Sir John Franklin. Captain Bayne claims to know the location of the explorer's body, as well as the point at which a number of records were established.

GOING TO ARCTIC REGIONS

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SERVICE ENDED, HE SAYS FAREWELL TO UNITED STATES

Ambassador Bryce Makes Valedictory to American People.

TALKS FEELINGLY OF HIS WORK HERE

Expresses Hope That Friendship Now Existing Between This Country and England Will Be Extended to Other Countries—All Questions Can Be Amicably Settled.

New York, April 25.—James Bryce, on the eve of his departure for home after six years as ambassador to the United States from Great Britain, said this morning to the American people in an address here before the Pilgrims' Society of the United States. He referred with feeling to his cordial relations with the three Presidents who had been in office during his service in Washington, and said he had no words to convey his sense of the kindness with which he had been received during his travels in America. Four times across the continent and visits to every State in the Union, he said, had given him acquaintances in all sections.

Referring to the friendship existing between America and Great Britain, Mr. Bryce expressed the hope that this might be extended to embrace other countries. He did not touch directly upon any issue now pending between the American and British governments. This statement, however, was regarded as significant: "With good will and with a conviction that one of every nation's highest assets is that sense of national honor which will make it live up to its international obligations, all questions between nations can be adjusted, and I am sure that any questions between your country and mine will be adjusted in that way."

Tributes to Root and Bryan.

Mentioning that more than a dozen important treaties between his government and the United States had been concluded in the past six years, Mr. Bryce said he had come to admire not only the "brilliant gifts of former Secretary Root, but his fairness of mind and his genuine love of peace." He added that he felt sure that Mr. Bryan "would show no less earnest wish to work for accord and good will, and Mr. Bryan, indeed, has given evidence of this."

Mr. Bryce thanked the Pilgrims for their farewell, declaring that if possible he appreciated it even more than he had appreciated their welcome six years ago.

"My mission," he said, "has been not merely to represent my sovereign government for diplomatic purposes, but also to bear a message of friendship from the British to the American people. No two peoples in the world are so called upon, one might say appointed by Providence, to be friends to one another. It is not merely that the original stock of those who founded this great republic came from England to Virginia and New England, but many new elements that are neither English nor British have been subsequently added. It is that their first settlers brought with them a language, a literature, a system of institutions, political traditions, and, above all, a love of ordered freedom, which have spread out over the whole

FAINTS WHEN JURY RETURNS VERDICT

Mrs. Callie S. Applebaum Declared Not Guilty of Murdering Husband.

Atlanta, Ga., April 25.—Mrs. Callie S. Applebaum was this afternoon declared not guilty of the murder of her husband, J. A. Applebaum, the Chicago traveling salesman, found dead in a hotel on the morning of February 25 last by a jury announced its verdict at 5:02 P. M. after deliberating thirty-six minutes.

When the verdict was announced Mrs. Applebaum fainted, but a few minutes later was revived and thanked the members of the jury.

The body of Jerome A. Applebaum, the Chicago traveling man, was found on the morning of February 25 last by the clerk of a hotel where Mr. and Mrs. Applebaum had been staying. Three pistol bullet wounds in the body caused death.

Mrs. Applebaum was arrested, charged with her husband's murder. The woman asserted that she was innocent immediately after the body was found, and to-day reiterated this declaration before the jury.

"At 12:20 midnight on February 25," she declared on the stand to-day, "my husband lay down beside me with a revolver in his hand and said: 'You've got just five minutes to live.' I put my head under the cover and told him to shoot. I give you my word of honor I do not remember anything else till I was in the housekeeper's room the next morning and some kind lady was bathing my head."

"I couldn't have harmed him," she cried. "It would have been impossible for me to have hurt him."

BODIES OF 108 MOVED

Pull' Death List of Mine Disaster Still Unknown.

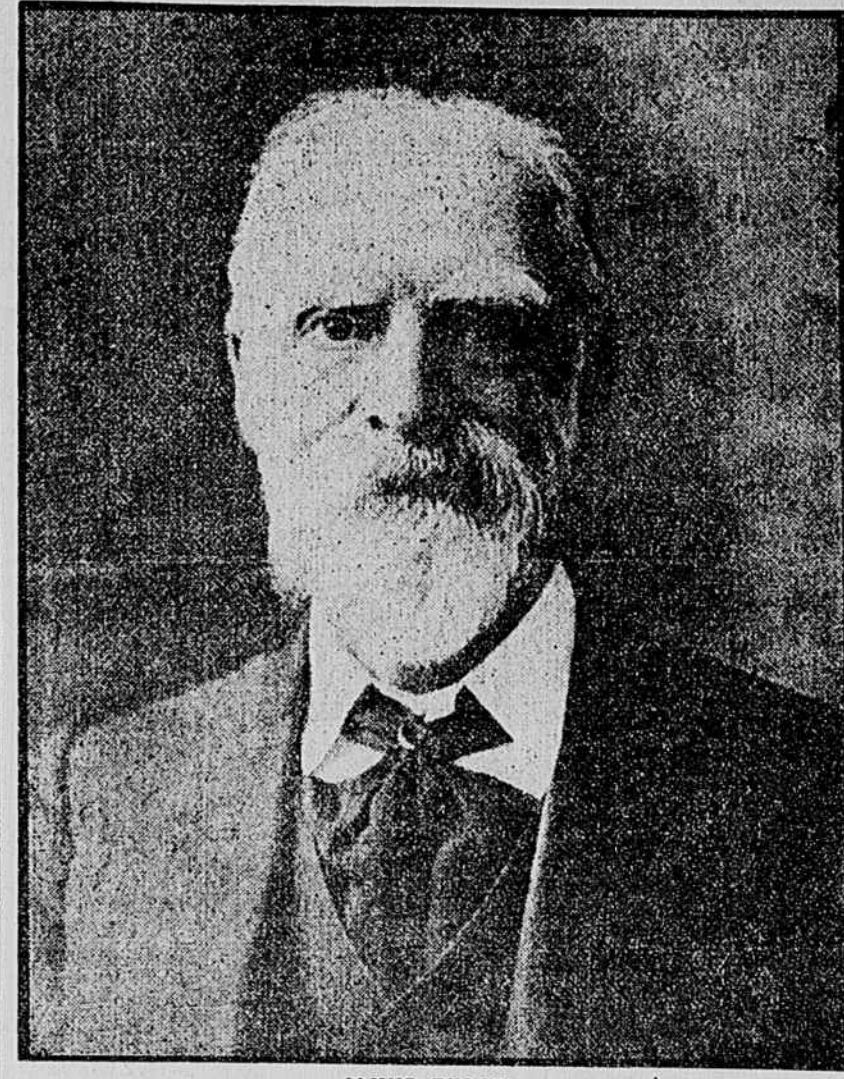
Pittsburgh, April 25.—The work of removing bodies from the Chestnut mine of the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke Company, wrecked Wednesday by an explosion, progressed rapidly to-day. When dark fell to-night 108 bodies had been taken out.

Officials of the coal company stated to-night that it is their belief few other bodies will be found. It is possible, however, that the dead may number 115.

Most of the bodies recovered are in good condition.

Until great masses of wreckage in a number of sections of the mine have been examined the total death list will remain a secret.

SAYS FAREWELL TO AMERICANS



MOORE HAS STAR ROLE IN TARIFF COMEDY

Countercharge Is Made by Pierce. Presents Himself as Pupil Answering Questions From Political Primer.

MADE BY PIERCE

Says He Was Miltred of Nearly \$7,000,000 Through Misplaced Confidence.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

St. Louis, April 25.—Henry Clay Pierce, chairman of the board of directors of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, to-day met the charge that he had converted to his own use 15,000 shares in the Nashville Terminal Company, which had been placed in the National Bank of Commerce of St. Louis as security for a loan, with the counterstatement that he had been the victim of misplaced confidence to the extent of nearly \$7,000,000.

The statement of Pierce was made during the taking of depositions in the suit filed by the National Bank of Commerce to recover the 15,000 shares from Mr. Pierce, or their money equivalent, \$1,500,000. Mr. Pierce told of the formation of the syndicate to promote the Tennessee Central Railway, a syndicate to which Pierce, William H. Thompson, president of the Bank of

MRS. BARR LOSES RACE WITH DEATH

Reaches Hospital After Husband Succumbs to Injuries Received on Railroad.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Baltimore, Md., April 25.—Walter E. Barr, forty-four years old, one of the founders and a director of the First National Bank, of Winchester, Va., whose wife died yesterday, was fatally injured on the tracks of the Northern Central Railroad near here to-day, when he wandered from the Deer Park Sanatorium and was struck by a fast freight train. The accident occurred about 5 o'clock this morning. Both legs were severed below the knee.

Mrs. Margaret Barr, his wife, who is widely known in Winchester society, was notified of the accident by long distance telephone. Half an hour later, accompanied by her brother-in-law and a niece, she hurried to Baltimore, but reached here half an hour after her husband died. Mrs. Barr collapsed at Camden Station when she was told that she had lost the race with death.

Mr. Barr came to Baltimore two months ago on the advice of several physicians, and entered the Deer Park Sanatorium. He was under the care of Dr. W. P. E. Wyse, and was suffering from nervous exhaustion. He had recently improved in health, and had written to his wife in Camden that he would soon return home.

This morning he eluded his attendant, and, attiring himself in a suit of blue, he left the sanatorium and walked a mile to the railroad tracks. Half an hour later he was found with both legs cut off. He was placed on a special train and brought to the Mercy Hospital, where he died at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon.

When his clothing was searched at the hospital, the name of W. E. Barr was found on his silver suspender buckles. The police had been asked to locate Mr. Barr, and the sanatorium authorities were told that he was in the hospital. Dr. Wyse went to the hospital and saw that his condition was hopeless.

Mr. Barr was a native of Virginia, and was known throughout the State. He is survived by his widow, who before her marriage was Miss Susie Steine. Mrs. Barr was accompanied to Baltimore by her brother-in-law, Thomas Barr, a sister and niece.

The body will be taken to Winchester to-morrow for burial.

DOES BRYAN CARRY WEIGHTY SECRET TO SACRAMENTO?

What Is Message That Cannot Be Trusted to Wires? IF HE BEARS NONE, TRIP IS USELESS

Mind of California Is Made Up, and Antian Bill Will Pass Unless Secretary Brings More Urgent Arguments Than Have Yet Been Disclosed.

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[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Sacramento, Cal., April 25.—What is Secretary Bryan bringing with him that cannot be trusted to the wires—the usual and customary means of communication between Washington and Sacramento?

That the great question now agitating all discussions of the antian bill, Governor Johnson has not any idea of what awful secrets may be locked in the Bryan breast or the Bryan portfolio, yet it is taken for granted all around that President Wilson would not send his Secretary of State 3,000 miles across the continent just at a time when the tariff bill is under discussion unless that Secretary of State was burdened with some message of mighty import.

It will be necessary for Mr. Bryan to bring some very important facts and make some very startling disclosures in order to change the present determination of the Governor and the Progressive majority in the Legislature to pass some law that will prevent the Japanese from gobbling up the choicest farmlands and garden acreage in the State of California.

If the Secretary of State is merely bringing with him the idea prevalent in Washington that the subject of antian legislation should be dealt with by the Federal and not by the State government, he might just as well have stayed at home.

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DOES JAPAN SEEK WAR?

Washington, through its secret agents, had information that Japan had been seeking a pretext for war with the United States and that the Federal authorities are eager to stave off the dreaded clash until such time as the Panama Canal is opened, for the quick movement of a battleship fleet.

There also have been mutterings that no intimations of impending conflict have been conveyed by Roosevelt to his former running mate, Governor Johnson.

The Governor is flatly opposed to the idea of his former Progressive leader and running mate, and Secretary Bryan will have to "show him" some very commanding and important facts before he will be swayed from his purpose to encourage the Legislature to stand up for the rights of California.

HOPEA SAY WILL BE SHORT.

Chicago, April 25.—"I shall go direct to Sacramento and will return to Washington as soon as I possibly can," said Secretary Bryan here to-night as he boarded a train. "I cannot forecast now my absence may be, but I hope it will be short. I ought to be in Washington."

Mr. Bryan nodded his head with emphasis and added:

"I hate to leave Washington just now. I would not do so if it had not been necessary. There are important days at the capital, and I shall hurry back."

Mr. Bryan declined to make any statement as to the coming conferences with Governor Johnson and the California Legislature.

"My absence," he said, "as far as memory goes, is without precedent. We may create precedents in our conferences, but it would not do to speak of them in advance."

That the secretary will have a hospitable welcome in California was shown to-day in invitations he received here by telegram from various public bodies in San Francisco and Sacramento. Mr. Bryan said he should be

COUNTRY HAS RIGHT TO EXEMPT OWN SHIPS

Richard Olney Believes No Treaties Are Violated in Panama Canal Matter.

VIEW ARE DIVERGENT

Controversy With England Is Discussed at Meeting of American Jurists.

Washington, April 25.—Divergent views regarding the right of the United States to exempt its coastwise vessels from the payment of Panama Canal tolls were expressed to-day in papers read before the seventh annual meeting of the American Society of International Law. Most of the principal speakers agreed, however, with Richard Olney, former Secretary of State, who held this country was entirely within its rights as the owner of the canal to make whatever rules it desired regarding the canal. Equally divergent views were expressed as to whether the payment by the government of a subsidy equal to the amount of the tolls to American ships would be a violation of existing treaties. The right to grant subsidies, when not expressly prohibited by treaty, was not controverted.

In the discussions that followed many of the extemporaneous speakers opposed the idea that the United States had a right to exempt its vessels from